

THE LOPHAMS' NEWS

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St Andrew's School

Time flies when we're having fun! The last term has certainly been a busy one!

The netballers and footballers have played their last matches in the small school league and now eagerly await the final league table.

Children have been busy with lots of enrichment activities. Year 5 and 6 had the opportunity to go to Kingswood and enjoy a feast of adventurous activities, while year R, 1 and 2 enjoyed a wonderful day at Gressenhall finding out about the life in the past.

The Chyme Concert was a highlight on Friday evening, where children of all ages represented St. Andrew's in singing and musical ensemble. It was a delight to see them proudly perform. Pupils have also been working hard with their partnership school, rehearsing two hours a week on a Friday evening for their performance of Shrek in July.

Our next community is lunch on Wednesday 17th July 2013 and we would love you to join us! The children are eager to show people around their school and share their learning. If you can join us, please contact the school office and book a meal for £3 a head.

St Andrew's Pre-School

We welcome Jan Feaver as our new Pre-School Assistant. She brings with her an extensive background in childcare, coming from Winfarthing Pre-School. The children have taken to her instantly and we are really pleased to have Jan on board. We are looking forward to summer fundraising events such as The Annual Lophams' yard sales, with 'Bumble Cottage' serving bacon rolls and refreshments. We also have our summer BBQ, 'GRILL and GAMES' at the Kings Head PH 21st July at 4pm. Please come along and enjoy great food, cakes and outdoor games - all for a good cause!

We have a number of free spaces coming up in September and remember we take children from age 2 (in nappies) up to school age. We are open Mondays 8.45 - 11.45 and Wednesdays/Thursdays 8.45 - 3.15. Call in for a visit and chat with our friendly staff or call Tonya direct on 07962 219523 or email attwood145@btinternet.com.

Annual Lophams' Yard Sales.

FoSTA are planning the annual yard sales on the 15th September 2013. Please have a clear out and have your own yard sale, raising some money for St Andrew's primary school and also for yourselves. In the past year FoSTA has been fundraising and has managed to purchase 5 iPads for St Andrew's as well as new tables and chairs for Discovery class.

There will be refreshments for sale at Bumble Cottage with the proceeds being donated to the Lophams' Pre-school. FoSTA ask for a voluntary donation of 10% of any profit from your sale.

Redgrave and Lopham Fen

Saturday 6 July, 10am - 3pm. Botanical Illustration - all levels. Join professional botanical illustrator, Christine Grey-Wilson looking at a range of techniques using inspiration from the abundance of summer flowers. £25, £21.50 concessions. Booking essential 01473 890089.

Summer holiday activities

Family events, Tuesdays, £2.50 per person. 30 July, 2pm - 4pm - Pond dipping. 6 August, 2pm - 4pm - Secrets of the sea. 13 August, 10am - 12noon - Butterflies and moths. 20 August, 2pm - 4pm - Treasure hunt. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Booking essential 01379 688333.

Activity days, Wednesdays, £6 per child, £10 for 2 siblings. 31 July, 10am - 2pm - Wildlife whodunnit! 7 August, 10am - 2pm - Bushcraft. 14 August, 10am - 2pm - Wetland adventure. Booking essential 01379 688333.

Wildlife Watch Group. Saturday 13 July, 10 August, 10.30am - 12.30pm. A club for 6 - 12yr olds, £1. Contact Mike Wraight 01379 644508.

Guided fen walks. Sat 6 July, 3 August 10.30am - 1pm. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Fen with enthusiast and naturalist John Hill. £3 Meet at the Education Centre, no booking required.

Lophams' Ladies

Meeting on the first Tuesday of the month; 7.15pm for 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

On a lovely sunny afternoon in June were given a warm welcome when we visited Katharine and Jason's Suffolk Cheese Farm on the A140 at Creeting St Mary. We toured the farm, met all the family and finished off in the Farm Shop sampling and buying their delicious cheese and meat. On July 2nd we are invited to spend an evening in the garden of Peter and Sylvia Coster at Oxfootstone Farmhouse, Brick Kiln Lane, South Lopham; meeting at 7pm. On August 6th we look forward to Jennie telling us about the History of Lopham Linen.

Many thanks go to all who baked cakes and helped man the stall at the May Farmer's Market. We made a profit of over £70. Also thanks to all who contributed in any way at the Jumble and Car Boot Sale where we made a profit of over £170.

We always welcome visitors and new members - please phone 01379 687337 for further details.

Garden Club

On 5th June we paid an evening visit to Fullers Mill Garden at West Stow. The weather was kind to us and we spent a memorable couple of hours enjoying the peace and tranquility of the setting together with the wonderful trees and plants while being given a guided tour by the owner, Mr Bernard Tickner, together with two of his gardeners.

On 3rd July we shall welcome Tina Limmer who will give a presentation entitled "Taste the Roses".

We have a trip planned for Saturday August 10th when we shall spend the day at the Cambridge Botanic Gardens. The cost is £14.50 and tickets are still available. Please telephone 01953 681989 for further information.

Our meetings take place in the restaurant area of Blooms Garden Centre on the first Wednesday of each month starting at 7.30pm and visitors and new members are always very welcome.

Lophams' Village Hall

The Lottery, our chance to raise money for hall developments, has several new members since the meeting for new(ish) residents last month - Welcome and good luck! The fund for the next Bonanza draw is growing - if you aren't yet "in", do consider having a go. It's a fun way to support the hall, with three chances each month of winning a prize. In May, the winners were: 1st Prize of £192 - C Watson and 2nd prizes of £48 each - E Logsdail and K Wood. Anyone who needs to renew, or who wishes to join is invited to make contact: copies of the full rules and entry forms are available from promoter, Eileen (01379 687608), from Village Hall Treasurer, Tim Colyer (01379 687718), from other Village Hall Committee members (see website for details), or at the Farmers' Market and at Village Hall Events.

Farmers' Markets are on the fourth Saturday each month, from 9am till 12.30pm. The July Market is on 27th. For details, call Mike on 01379 687235.

Judo is on Mondays & Wednesdays - Details from Howard on 01379 688258.

Dog Training is held most Tuesday evenings, our trainer Elaine (07845 776110) will provide information.

Lopham Art Group: meets on Wednesday mornings from 9.30am. The cost is £20 each per month, and includes refreshments and a visit from an 'expert' once each month. Contact 01379 687718 for more details.

Yoga with P: is a popular addition to the weekly programme. Sessions are on Thursdays, between 6pm and 8pm. Booking is essential, tel 01379 890955 or 07932 010720 or email pietermella.jarvie@gmail.com.

To book the hall for private functions, please contact 01379 687679. To find out more about the hall generally, visit the website at www.lophamsvillagehall.co.uk.

North Lopham Methodist Church

Hope you receive this before **Wednesday 26th June at 10.30am** when there will be a short service of worship followed by a Coffee Morning and sale from 11am-12 noon.

North Lopham Parish Council

The next meeting is on 10th July 2013, in The Mess in front of St Andrew's School.

Lophams' Bingo

For July we have the last session before the school holidays - on Monday 1st - do come along at 2pm to join in the fun! New faces are always welcome.

St Nicholas' Church

Music, Praise & Worship came to St Nicholas' Church on 9th June, with very special speaker, Bishop David Gillett, and some of the Diss Team. Healing was the theme of the occasion. The last MPW of the season is on the playing field at Fersfield on 14th July at 4pm. We hope for good weather, and a good crowd to enjoy the open air!

Friday Night was SNYSB Night - 7th June. Members of the South Norfolk Youth Symphonic Band played music from popular shows, music written especially for wind bands, and a "Mini Proms" section at the end to mark the 60th anniversary of the Coronation of The Queen. After the final item - Auld Lang Syne, the Band played "In the Mood" by Glen Miller as an encore, before conductor Mike Booty passed the baton over to perhaps the youngest member of the audience - Ben H. from St Andrew's School, for a repetition of the final section. A special guest from Australia augmented band numbers for the concert! Myra Huggins came to the church at 6pm to begin a search of the burial records. By 7.15pm, she was back from her B & B in Diss, for the Concert, and by 7.35pm she had been provided with a trombone that fitted her own mouthpiece - conveniently stowed in her handbag - and was part of the band team! She enjoyed playing with SNYSB so much that she came from her base in Kent the following weekend to join in "Park Alive" in Diss!

Jean's Grand Summer Coffee Morning is on Wednesday 3rd July, at Brecklands, The Green, from 10am until noon. Do come for delicious coffee and eats, a chance to meet friends older and new, and opportunities to find a bargain on stalls including Plants, Boutique, Bring & Buy, Raffle and Tombola - truly something for everyone! (For directions or help with transport, just telephone 01379 687679)

The **Hymn Marathon** will take place on Saturday 3rd August, between 8.30am and around 5.15pm. Anyone who would like to sponsor a hymn, in memory of a loved one, or just because it's a favourite, is invited to do so - Jennie will be around the village during the next few weeks. If you come along on the day, you can listen, meet friends, or join in a sing-along in the afternoon.

As the holiday season gets underway, we hope all those travelling keep safe and look forward to welcoming visitors to the area - assuring them of a warm welcome at church. There are three baptisms in the coming weeks - it will be great to welcome the families and friends to St Nicholas' Church.

The Village Games

The result of the Breckland Games at Watton on 23rd June will be reported next time. Meanwhile, thank you to all who represented our villages, especially Jim who chivvied them on.

The Lophams' Society

Dear Friends

When the Lophams' Society was founded some seven years ago it was agreed that all residents of the Lophams' would automatically become members free of subscriptions. So I am addressing this letter to everyone in the Lophams as members of the society.

The main object of the Society is to foster a good community spirit by promoting functions and supporting other local activities.

I am sure that all those who have attended the various functions arranged by the society have found them good value and enjoyable. I know when speaking to villagers, they agree that they now know more local residents and have developed friendships through these local functions. Our meetings have also become a forum at which we can become aware of local issues and to discuss them informally. So in many ways we are fulfilling our objective but there is still more we can do.

We have gained an enviable reputation among other nearby villages for the very successful Jubilee event held last year and for our annual Christmas Drop-Ins when food, drink and entertainment are provided free to all residents of the Lophams.

The society is of course run entirely by volunteers, many who have worked tirelessly since the formation. Some of the committee members have indicated that they wish to retire at the next Lophams Society AGM, so we have a problem of replacement and unless we can recruit some new committee members very soon it will be difficult for the society to continue as at present. Furthermore, our current hard working chairman does not even live in the Lophams and it is surely appropriate that when he retires we find our next chairman from within the Lophams.

Being a member of the committee is a great way of putting something back into our community. It is fun and only involves about six committee meetings a year; this enables us to have a programme of four major functions a year including our popular Christmas Drop-In.

So, I am appealing for some new committee members. The problem I highlight is real and we are in danger of losing a valuable village asset.

Please get in touch with me either at the above address, by telephone 01379 688018 or plc1934@gmail.com. Or with Granville Horan on 01379 640355 we will be more than happy to discuss how you can help and what it involves. I hope that you will find a way of helping us ensure that the Lophams' Society will continue to serve our community.

Yours sincerely

Peter Coster, The Lophams' Society

The Lophams' Society Meet and Greet

On May 20th The Lophams' Society committee hosted a very enjoyable "Meet and Greet" evening at The White Horse in South Lopham. All new residents of North and South Lopham were invited to a social get-together to meet up with other new residents and to find out what goes on in the Lophams. The atmosphere was relaxed and informal allowing plenty of time to chat and during the evening we were joined by representatives from other local groups including The Lophams' Ladies and The Village Hall committee. It was also an opportunity to introduce new residents to The Lophams' Society and hopefully encourage them to come along to future events where they can now meet up with some familiar faces. Many thanks to all at The White Horse who helped to make the evening a success and for providing a tasty buffet which was enjoyed by all.

The next Lophams' Society event is a Summer Music and BBQ to be held on Saturday 6th July at the Village Hall commencing at 6.30pm, admission £5.

The Lophams' Art Group

The group is holding an informal exhibition of its works at the Lophams' Village Hall on Wednesday 10th July from 10:00am - 12:00pm (free entry); do come, have a look round and meet the group members. We are a friendly, mixed ability art group which meets at the Hall each Wednesday 9.30am - 12.30pm. Membership costs £20 per 4 weeks, which includes one session of tuition each month from a professional artist (currently Tracey Waghorn). Anyone interested in joining can call in any Wednesday morning or telephone Jennifer on 01379 687882 for more information.

St. Andrew's Church

St. Andrew's **Craft Fair** on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st July 10am to 4pm. Local crafts, including wood turning, card making, quilting, soft toys, jewellery, bags, plants, cakes etc. Entry is free. Refreshments will also be served.

Church Cleaning: We have a monthly rota of volunteers who help to clean our lovely church but would appreciate some extra help. If anyone is able to join us, do please contact Monica Reeder on 01379 687273 to discuss further.

Thank you to all who came to support the **Coffee Morning** on the 22nd May, we are pleased to report a total of £235.65 was raised.

Services for July

North Lopham	South Lopham
	7th July
9.30am HC	-
11am Fam S (Bapt)	-
	14th July
11am Fam S (Bapt)	-
6pm ES	
	21st July
11am Fam S	9.30am HC
	28th July
11am Fam S	6pm ES

Contributions for next issue by;

18th JULY

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